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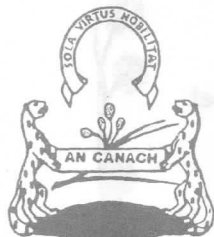
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## Henderson Crest Unveiled

by Cairns Henderson

Wednesday, 25 August 1999, was a beautiful warm and sunny day when four dozen or so Henderson cousins and friends gathered along the harbourside in Pictou, Nova Scotia. Pictou Mayor Lawrence LeBlanc, Hector Foundation Chairman Dan Currie and Clan Henderson Eastern Canada Commissioner Cairns Henderson greeted all those who had gathered to unveil the Henderson Crest.

The speakers honored the accomplishments of the Scottish emigrants who arrived at this port during the past two and a half centuries to settle in Nova Scotia and throughout North America.

In celebration of the arrival of the first shipload of settlers on board the ship Hector, a replica of the vessel is now under construction with a launch date in November 2000.

A volunteer committee called the Hector Foundation in co-operation with the Town of Pictou is in charge of this ambitious project. They have also organized a permanent display of Scottish Clan Crests along a new waterfront street called Caladh Ave (Avenue of the Clans).

The Clan Henderson Commissioner for Eastern Canada acknowledged with special appreciation, the contribution by brothers Bill and Bob Henderson who dedicated the plaque and crest in memory of their late father, former Clan Henderson Society member Raymond Gordon Henderson.

Following the ceremony at the Hector Quay, the officials, families and guests were piped down the Avenue to the light standard where the Crest was unveiled. A reception with light refreshments and a tour of the Hector museum concluded the day's events.



Shown at the unveiling of the Henderson Crest are (left to right) Town of Pictou Mayor Lawrence LeBlanc, Clan Henderson Commissioner for Eastern Canada Cairns Henderson, Bill Henderson, Hector Foundation Chair Dan Currie and Bob Henderson.

The Lee Henderson Family gathered for the wedding of daughter Laura. At the right, Lee is escorting Laura down the aisle. See story on page 17.



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## *People Either Love'em or Hate'em*

I come from a highly artsy family. One sister is a ballerina, the other is a guitarist. One brother is a terrific classical pianist, the other a clarinetist. My mother oil paints (not these little 'ole painted craftsmy things, but really paints) and my father is also heavy into classical music and opera (his father was a Welsh tenor).

I tried to fit in, I really did. I took two years of ballet before my teacher and I came to the mutual agreement that I would do better at soccer. I tried violin and viola and hated both. I tried piano but my brother kept shoving me off the bench every time I sat down at "his" piano. So I did the only thing left to me.

I took up the bagpipes.

It was a logical choice, really. I'd always wanted to be a great soprano, so that I could really belt it out and sound good. Having been gifted instead with a honking contralto, I decided the pipes were the best way for me to "sing out" and still sound good. I ordered my practice chanter, managed to find the only bagpipe teacher in my little town in Utah, and started lessons.

My mother used to make me practise at the cemetery. A few times a week I'd lug my 20-lb. pipe box up the street and climb the hill to the cemetery overlooking our valley, and there—where I couldn't bother anybody—I'd practise my pipes. My father accused me of trying to

wake the dead. My brother said I sounded like a goat with a nasal condition. But I persevered, and in time it paid off. I landed a husband who also pipes.

I like to tell him I married him to get free lessons. Barry had been playing a lot longer than I had (he started when he was about eight) and had piped with several well-known bands in Ontario, Canada. What he was doing in the Utah desert is anybody's guess, but I wasn't going to look a gift horse in the mouth. I pounced on him at the first opportunity. Over time we managed to collect a ragtag number of friends who also piped. Interestingly enough, they included two other married couples. I've come to the conclusion that pipers marry other pipers because no one else can stand them.

Why is it that people either love the pipes or hate them? There's something about the tonal quality, the scale, the sheer volume that sends people into either euphoria or agony. My dog howls. Some children plug their ears and run. The baby sits right at my feet and smiles peacefully. There's hope maybe I'll get at least one piper out of my offspring.

However, if you're a piper considering marrying another piper, there are some concerns you should first resolve. For one thing, who watches the kids at the highland

games while you're both competing? And how will you ever find a place to live? People will sometimes tolerate one noisy neighbour, but two? One of our friends was repeatedly discouraged (by police) from practising even though he went out in the middle of a huge empty parking lot. I heard of one fellow who was actually arrested for "making an unlawful noise." (Luckily the judge was a Scot and ruled it was music, not noise.) Having two pipers going in the house at one time can be expensive, too—all those windows to replace, you know! And especially beware of marrying someone tall. We had one especially tall friend get his pipes tangled in a ceiling fan. It wasn't a pretty sight.

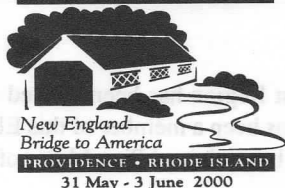
All of this can be wearing on a relationship. I remember one romantic moment, sitting in a car holding hands with my (then) fiancé, and suddenly realizing he was tapping his fingers on my hand, using it as a practice chanter.

But primarily when both partners pipe there's the real question of who wears the pants in the family.

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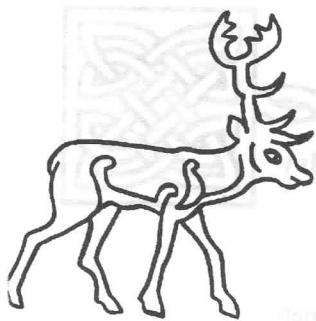
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# Hendersons

## Famous, Near Famous, and Infamous

by Mack Henderso

*The following excerpts are quoted from an article by D.B. McKay, which was published in the Tampa Sunday Tribune of 25 December 1955. The article was submitted to our clan society on 3 March 1990 by William Gert Schmidt of Jacksonville, Florida, on behalf of his mother, Christine Henderson Schmidt.*

### **W.B. Henderson Helped To Bring Cigar Industry, Bananas, and Telegraph to Tampa; Paid Editor's Fine**

No man or woman who knew him will challenge the statement that W.B. Henderson was an outstanding figure in the early development of Tampa—a wise and courageous leader in religious, educational, civic and business movements and policies. The only state office he ever held was as a member of the state board of health. He was the first president of the board.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Henderson, the parents of Mr. Henderson, came to Hillsborough County from Georgia in 1847, settling in the Alafia community. [William Benton Henderson] began his business career as a stock raiser, later embarking in merchandising, shipping and real estate brokerage and development.

Early in the Civil War, W.B. Henderson enlisted in Company B of the Seventh Florida Infantry, recruited by Judge James Gettis, who served as captain. Mr. Henderson was elected first lieutenant and served until the close of the war. He returned home and engaged in merchandising.

Soon thereafter Capt. John Miller loaded the large schooner Geo. W.

Dill with merchandise at New York and sailed south on a trading expedition. He came to Tampa [where he] formed a partnership with Mr. Henderson and soon the business of Miller and Henderson became the largest in south Florida—not only as merchants but as ship owners and operators.

In addition to their local interests they were pioneers in the importation of bananas and other tropical fruit from Central America. They developed a banana plantation in Panama and built the fine steam ships Lizzie Henderson and Lucie P. Miller to bring the fruit to this country.

Mr. Henderson was the chief factor in bringing the first telegraph line to Tampa. The local office was in his store and Walter Coachman, who later became one of the state's wealthiest men, was the first telegraph operator.

He was chairman of the group which purchased two small daily newspapers then published here, consolidated the plants and established the Tampa Daily Times with the purely altruistic purpose of giving Tampa a strong newspaper.

Gavino Gutierrez deserves all the credit for suggesting Tampa as an ideal place for the centralization of the great cigar manufacturing industry in this country and bringing the

pioneer manufacturers, V.M. Ybor and Ignacio Haya here to inspect it. But they felt that the business men of the community did not show proper appreciation of the value of the great industry to the community. So they decided to return to Key West, where their facilities were then located—and give further consideration to attractive offers which had been presented by the cities of Galveston and Mobile.

When Mr. Henderson learned of their purpose to leave Tampa and the cause, he offered to personally make up any deficiency between what had been tendered by the board of trade and what the manufacturers considered they were entitled to, covering the expense of moving to Tampa.

The manufacturers were so impressed by Mr. Henderson's generosity that they immediately decided to accept the offer of the board of trade, stating to Mr. Henderson that they would not require him to make good his generous proposal. Thus the great industry(c) since its founding the chief factor in Tampa's industrial supremacy(c) was saved for Tampa at a critical stage of the negotiations for its location here. Vouching for the authenticity of the facts here stated, they were related to me by Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Ybor and Mr. Haya. Mr. Henderson never mentioned the incident.

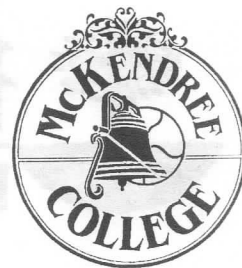
### **John R. Bergquist. Eighth Term**

John R. Bergquist, Regional piper for the South West Region has been elected Pipe Major of the El Jebel Shrine Pipes and Drums for an eighth term. John has been a member of this El Jebel unit for fifteen years. He has served as Pipe Sgt. for two terms and has been elected Pipe Major of this popular unit for the eighth time. Congratulations John.



# McKendree in The Civil War

By Dr. Patrick A. Folk  
Deneen Professor of History



At 4:30 a.m., April 12, 1861, Confederate batteries in Charleston harbor opened fire on Fort Sumter. Three days later, President Abraham Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers to serve for three months to crush the armed rebellion. The Civil War had begun. Throughout the North, young men answered the call, and McKendree College provided some of the first volunteers. Several journeyed across the Mississippi to Jefferson Barracks and enlisted in the Union Army. These early volunteers, like most Americans on both sides, probably believed the war would be over by the end of their 50-day enlistments. Few foresaw that the war would drag on for four long, bloody years, during which the nation would be called on to give much more than anyone had expected in the spring of 1861.

At the outbreak of the war, McKendree College was only 33 years old. Its first graduates had received their diplomas in 1841. Twenty years later, the college had fewer than two hundred students. McKendree, nevertheless, played an important role in the Civil War. Over 150 McKendreans fought in the Union Army during the conflict, and the records indicate that all of them were volunteers. No McKendree student is known to have fought for the Southern cause. The college provided at least thirty officers, including five generals, to the Union forces. McKendreans served in numerous Illinois Volunteer regiments, as well as in units from Missouri, Kansas, Indiana, and in the regular army. Some McKendree students played key roles in the war.

Major General J. Wesley Merritt commanded Cavalry in the various campaigns in Virginia and played a vital role at Gettysburg and during Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley Campaign. He rose to command the entire Cavalry Corps of the Army of the Potomac. After the war he was military governor of the Philippines, and also served as Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

General James H. Wilson's cavalymen also saw important action in the Virginia campaigns, especially in the Shenandoah and around Petersburg. Grant sent the McKendrean west to Sherman in 1864 with the comment, "Wilson will add 50% to the effectiveness of your cavalry." His enveloping movements on both days at the battle of Nashville led to the most crushing Union victory of the Civil War. His pursuit of the defeated Confederate army is rated one of the most effective uses of Cavalry in the annals of mounted warfare. Wilson later smashed the command of the renowned Nathan B. Forrest and captured Montgomery, original capital of the

Confederacy. In one twenty-eight-day period, Wilson captured five cities, 288 cannons, and 6,820 prisoners. He closed his Civil War service by capturing Jefferson Davis, the Confederate President.

McKendree's Col. J. Wesley Jones organized Lincoln's military Presidential Bodyguard. William R. Morrison, who later spent some twenty years in Congress, was wounded at Fort Donelson. Lucien Greathouse received a mortal wound while leading a victorious charge against the heights outside of Atlanta. McKendree's Boston Corbett, a survivor of the infamous Salisbury, North Carolina prison, was the man who shot John Wilkes Booth in a Virginia barn in 1865. The recorded acts of individual heroism by McKendree students during the Civil War could easily be extended, but attention should be focused on the unit which most directly represented the college, the 117th Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

## The McKendree Regiment

The 117th Illinois was raised in answer to Lincoln's call for 300,000 more men to serve for three years or until the end of the war. From its formation in September 1862, until the regiment was mustered out on August 5, 1865, a total of 986 men served in the 117th. The commander was Col. Risdon M. Moore, Professor of Mathematics at McKendree. Samuel H. Deneen, Professor of Latin, served as adjutant. Most of the commissioned and non-commissioned officers were McKendreans. So many members of the 117th Illinois had connections with the college that the unit became known as "The McKendree Regiment."

After two months' training at Camp Butler, in Springfield, the 117th left for the front on November 11, 1862. The regiment's sixty-nine caliber Belgian rifles were found to be defective, and the 117th was left behind when Grant began his long campaign to take Vicksburg. The weaponless regiment was ordered to man Fort Pickering in Memphis with its 120 heavy guns. The regiment remained at Fort Pickering for over a year. After they were supplied with Springfield .58 rifles, the standard infantry weapon of the Civil War, the regiment saw combat action. Their duty was occasionally relieved by expeditions into Tennessee and Arkansas to drive off rebel raiders such as Sterling Price and N. B. Forrest, during which the regiment engaged in several minor battles.

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# Henderson Roots & Twigs

by Dr. Horace Loftin, FSA Scot  
Clan Genealogist



Dear Cousins

I've been your Clan genealogist now for more than ten years-ever since Claude tapped me on the shoulder and said "you're it." (That's how most of us "volunteer" in the Clan! And we respond because we know we are needed.)

We started out with one Henderson genealogy in the compute-my own. We now have literally thousands of Hendersons and perhaps 400 different family lines in the Clan data base. We acquired this huge collection of Henderson data because you, our Clansmen, sent me your family genealogies. One after another they came in, I added them to the computer, and more and more frequently managed to graft separate family shrubs" together into fine, many-branched family trees.

The result is, we now have in one place the finest collection of Henderson (McKendrick, Henry etc) genealogies to be found anywhere! That is not boasting; that is simple, objective fact. If you are searching "Henderson," the Clan data base is the place to begin.

I am concerned that this storehouse of Henderson information is under-used. Everyone looking for "hidden Hendersons" should be beating at my door! Many of you

have asked why we don't have a query section in An Canach, so you can solicit information from other Clansmen about your Henderson. The answer is, your queries should come to me! Another answer is that all of you receive the "Family Tree" from the Odom Library, which has a fine queries column that is read by hundreds of people outside our own Henderson circle-where brand new information is most likely to be found.

When you query me, I have at my finger tips the input of all our 2400+ members, If I make a "hit" and find your Henderson, then I will send you a print-out of the whole line as we have it in the data base. Further, I will send you the addresses of the folks who supplied that data; you can then consult them directly as to discrepancies of dates, places etc, and-most importantly-as to documentary sources of their information.

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Which reminds me! I have had a total of two requests to delete data on living persons (including themselves) from the genealogies that I distribute among the clan members. One of these was from a lawyer member, reminding me that things like your mother's maiden name or your birth date may be picked up and

used by unscrupulous people to your disadvantage and embarrassment.

Such a thought had never occurred to me. Indeed, I find it hard to imagine a genealogy from which such information is absent. But this old man doesn't think "electronically", and maybe it is a problem today. So, I hereby offer to delete such information from the genealogies of any of you who request me to do so. Just let me know your wishes and it shall be done. For the rest of you, hey!, the data stays.

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And let me remind you again of another under-used Henderson research tool. Spearheaded by Bob Henderson of Greer SC, and with the good works of volunteer Clansmen, we have been gathering data for and publishing a series of booklets which list ALL the Hendersons county by county in State censuses for 1850, 1860, and 1870. These booklets contain the names of all family members, their ages, birth state and other pertinent data, are cross-indexed, and include identification numbers for each individual used by Bob and by the Clan data base. Both Bob and I invite the users to ask for genealogies of any of the

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## Thank You Darrel

The Clan Henderson Society of the United States and Canada would like to thank Darrel Henderson for serving as the Canada Central Region Commissioner since 1997. Darrel and his family convened the AGM at Fergus. His resignation took effect on 30 Oct 99.

## New Commissioner Needed

Clan Henderson Society of the United States and Canada is seeking a new Commissioner for Canada's Central Region consisting of Ontario and Quebec. The new commissioner's duties will consist of coordinating Clan Henderson's participation in Scottish Festivals in Ontario and Quebec and convening some festivals as well. It's a lot of fun and John W. Henderson, Canadian Chairman, would like to hear from anyone that may be interested. His address is on page 23.

folks identified by these numbers.

I use these census booklets constantly and to great advantage in my own hunt for your "missing Henderson" and to identify and tie together once separate family lines. If you are researching Hendersons, then I strongly suggest that you add the pertinent state booklets to your reference library. Better still, like me,

keep them at hand by your work desk!

See page 20 for a list of available "Hendersons in the Census" booklets. Of course, there are booklets of other states already being prepared—stand by! In fact, we need help from you to gather the information on still other states. Who among you out there will take on Ohio? Indiana?

Illinois? New York? Missouri? Kansas?

The work is easy and pleasurable—a rainy weekend in your local library should do it. We have worksheets, and all you have to do is "fill in the blanks." Please let me know if you might like to volunteer. Once again, "your Clan needs you!"

*Horace*



The Rev. and Mrs. A. Kyle Henderson proudly announce the birth of their daughter, **Catherine Marie Henderson**, at 5:46 a.m. on 3 October 1999, at Oxford, Georgia. The proud grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Jim Daniels of Hartsville, South Carolina, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Henderson Sr. of Newport, North Carolina. As Clan Piper, Kyle's choice of his pipes and Henderson tartan make a perfect setting for her intropicture.



MacStork

George Henderson introduces **Chance Alexander Henderson Thayer** who was born on 20 March 1999. He was baptized at Wicomico Episcopal Church in Wicomico Church, Virginia (that's really the name of the town!) on 31 October by Father Scott Dillard. Chance's parents are George's daughter Gwendolyne and Clarence Thayer. He was wrapped in Henderson tartan for his baptism.



### Flowers of the Forest

#### Death of Katherine Lynne McCarl Maisel

Members and friends of Clan Henderson—I take this opportunity to send you the sad news that my daughter, Kathy Maisel, mother of Sarah Jo Maisel and wife of Mark B. Maisel, died this afternoon in Atlanta of complications with her adjustment to the bone marrow transplant she received in August. Kathy was an active member of the Clan Henderson Society and loved to wear her Henderson tartan to our parties and events.

I am sorry we missed many of you at the Stone Mountain Games—Mary and I were with Kathy on Saturday and did have the chance to tell her we loved her while she was still able to share a few precious moments with us. We treasure your kind thoughts and loving concern for our family in this difficult time.

Henry N. McCarl, Commissioner, MidSouth Region



John F. Henderson died 27 August 1996. He is survived by his wife Helen, brother David, sister Judith Knight, children Margaret and William, his uncle Robert, and aunts Mary Ellen Sotus and Carol Laude.

James Clay of Sugar Hill, Georgia, reports the passing of his grandmother, Constance Kendrick Carel of Hiawassee, Georgia.

#### Personal Tribute to Tom Henderson...

by Georgine Ferguson

Tom Henderson was one of my very best friends. I think a lot of people can say that about Tom. His spirit will live with us and we are just richer having known him.

Tom was a faithful member of his church, of Clan Henderson Society, the Scottish Society of Mobile as well as other organizations. He worked as the Mid-South Commissioner for Clan Henderson as long as he was able to do so. He was avidly interested in his family and his heritage.

Tom was interested in everything and everybody. He spent a lot of his time doing what I call "God's work." He called the shut-ins, the lonely, the bereaved people he knew. He cooked wonderful meals for those who were ill and visited with them. Many times he sat in the hospital with friends.

Although Tom suffered a lot of pain through his last years, his faith in God and his good humor never deserted him. If one needed a word of encouragement or something to lift their spirits, a talk with Tom would do it. He didn't dwell on his own troubles but always thought of the other fellow.

Farewell for a while, dear Friend, until we meet again.

#### Ed Note:

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of Kathy Maisel and Tom Henderson whose lives have touched many of us in the Clan



## **The McKendreeans from page 5**

### **The Battles of the 117th**

**D**uring its three-year service, the 117th fought in 35 separate engagements, six of them major battles. They traveled 2,307 miles on foot, 6,191 miles by water, and 778 miles by rail.

In January, 1864, the 117th Illinois was moved to Vicksburg and assigned to the 3rd Division of XVI Corps under General Andrew J. Smith. The McKendree Regiment was one of the few units to remain under Smith's command for the rest of the war. He served as their division commander for about six weeks and then became Corps Commander. Smith's troops were so often shuffled to other commanders, and the make-up, name, and mission of his command so often changed that he called his men the "lost tribes of Israel". But "Andy" Smith was known to his men and his superiors as an excellent fighting general, and the McKendree Regiment found themselves engaged in constant campaigns and battles with never more than five days rest at a time for the rest of the Civil War.

On February 4, the 117th took part in an expedition led by William Tecumseh Sherman, designed to destroy railroad lines centered around Meridian, Mississippi, 150 miles from Vicksburg. Sherman was opposed by the Confederate commands of S.D. Lee, Leonidas Polk, and N.B. Forrest. The 117th saw ten days of constant fighting in the vanguard as Sherman retook Jackson, crossed the Pearl River and stormed Meridian. The 117th led the army into Meridian, despite heavy rebel fire. Eight days were spent destroying the railroads. With the McKendree soldiers again in the van, Sherman's command then fought its way back to its base at Vicksburg, by way of Canton. They returned on April 4, after 29 days of almost continuous fighting, with no tents and only corn for rations. Four days later, Andy Smith's command boarded steamers headed for the Red River.

The 1864 Red River Campaign is generally conceded to have been one of the major debacles of the Civil War. As Sherman advanced on Atlanta, Union Army planners wanted General Nathaniel P. Banks to join Admiral Farragut in an attack on Mobile, to force a diversion of troops from Joseph E. Johnston's army defending Georgia. But political authorities in Washington decided instead to order Banks to converge with several other union commands and move a combined land-sea force up the Red River to take Shreveport and drive on to Texas. This maneuver was intended to discourage the intervention of the French in Mexico.

A. J. Smith's Corps landed in Louisiana on the 11th of March, and spent two days reconnoitering and skirmishing with Confederate cavalry. At 4 a.m. on the 14th, they

began a forced march to Fort DeRussy, 34 miles away. By 5 p.m., the partially unfinished Fort DeRussy had been taken by storm. Smith's Corps then took steamers up the river and captured Alexandria, Louisiana, on March 18. On March 21, the 117th took part in a rainsoaked night envelopment which captured 250 men and 4 cannons. They then had to wait eight days for Banks' remaining forces to arrive. The delay allowed Confederate General Richard Taylor to concentrate his divided forces.

In late March, Banks began an advance towards Shreveport, often slowed by low water levels which impeded his gunboat escorts. On April 8, Banks' army stumbled into Richard Taylor's Confederate forces at Sabine Cross Roads, and suffered a total rout, losing over 2500 men. A. J. Smith's Corps had been placed a day's march behind Banks' main army, guarding his baggage and supply trains. When they heard the firing of cannon, the corps abandoned the supplies and rushed toward the fighting. They marched twenty miles and met Banks' fleeing troops at dusk at Pleasant Hill, where they drew up in a line. On April 9, Taylor attacked the new line, but was repulsed with heavy losses. The 117th joined in a counterattack which drove the Confederates back seven miles. The rebels began a hasty retreat, but Banks failed to see the opportunity and ordered his troops to withdraw. The disorganized confederates regrouped, and the McKendree Regiment had to fight five rear guard battles to allow the Union army and river fleet to escape to the Mississippi.

Sent back to Vicksburg, the 117th had to lift a blockade of the city by Confederate forces from the West. On June 10th, Smith's corps was sent to Memphis.

### **The Victorious 117th**

**N**athan Bedford Forrest had routed two Union commands near the city of Memphis and the Confederates had to be driven off. The 117th played a role in forcing Forrest back to Mississippi. In July, A. J. Smith's corps marched into Mississippi to destroy Forrest's command, which now threatened the supply lines of Sherman's advance on Atlanta. The 117th played a leading role in six pitched battles in and around Tupelo from July 13-16, 1864. The Confederate forces of Forrest and S. D. Lee were badly mauled, and General Forrest himself was wounded. After a march and a battle to take Oxford, Mississippi, the corps was ordered to Memphis to board steamers for St. Louis. The federal troops drove off Confederate forces under Price and Shelby and pursued them to the Kansas border. The corps was then hurriedly recalled and rushed to Nashville.

As A. J. Smith's corps went into line at Nashville on November 30, a bloody battle was being fought at Franklin, 30 miles away. After losing Atlanta, Confeder-

ate General John B. Hood had marched north, hoping to destroy Sherman's supply lines and draw him out of the city. Sherman instead ordered several corps to reinforce General George H. Thomas at Nashville. With Hood blocked, Sherman began his famous "March to the Sea." Hood decided to drive for the Ohio River. After heavy losses in Schofield's delaying action at Franklin, Hood advanced on Nashville. Although outnumbered two to one, Hood took a position in a semi-circle around the Union forces. For nearly two weeks, Thomas ignored orders from Washington to attack and carefully positioned his troops. He placed weaker units and support battalions in the trenches on Hood's right. On December 15, these troops launched a holding attack on that side. Then A. J. Smith's corps slammed into Hood's left with the 117th in the lead. Schofield's corps then swept around his flank while McKendree General James Wilson swung behind the left wing. Hood's left collapsed with over 3000 men captured or killed. Nightfall saved his army, but Hood could not retreat with Wilson's cavalry in his rear. On the 16th, Hood's army found itself in an inverted "V" surrounded by Union forces. Wilson moved behind the formation and began to push. The McKendree general then convinced Thomas to order a general assault. Hood's army was annihilated. Private Wilbur F. Moore of the 117th leading the charge, captured a Confederate battle flag, for which he later received the Congressional Medal of Honor. Wilson's cavalry then chased the few pitiful remnants of Hood's army clear to Mississippi.

After the battle, the 117th had their longest rest in a year. After eight days, they embarked for New Orleans. Smith's corps was then sent to Mobile. On April 8, 1865, the McKendree regiment helped take Spanish Fort by storm. The following day, the 117th led the assault on Fort Blakely. This was the last infantry battle of the Civil

War, occurring nine hours after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

The 117th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment eventually returned to Camp Butler in Springfield where it was mustered out on August 5, 1865. During its three-year service, the McKendree Regiment fought in 39 separate engagements, six of them major battles. They traveled 2,307 miles on foot 6,191 miles by water, and 778 miles by rail. Out of 985 men who served with the 117th only 538 were present at their final muster. Ninety-two men had been transferred to other units, 69 others had received early discharges for various reasons. Forty-two men had deserted. One hundred ten had been discharged for wounds of disability. At least 122 men of the 117th, about one-eighth of the total, gave their lives.

After their discharge, the soldiers of the 117th returned to Southern Illinois. Many of the veterans attended McKendree College and earned degrees after their service. The regiment held annual reunions, often at the college, for many years. During one of these, they created a living memorial to the men of the 117th who did not return. If you walk in front of Old Main Hall, you will notice two perfectly straight lines of trees extending out to College Road. These were planted by their comrades in memory of those members of the McKendree Regiment who made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

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## Fordell Commentary

I would like to express my gratitude to Rex Maddox for his effort to help obtain Fordell Castle on behalf of Clan Henderson. I take pleasure in knowing that Clan Henderson has such members that not only have big ideas and high expectations for us, but are also willing to back up those ideas with a tremendous effort. Thanks, Rex!

It is unfortunate that we'll not be able to claim it as a gathering place for the clan in the foreseeable future, but the important point is that Fordell Castle remains in a relatively good state of repair and should remain intact for the new millenium. So many clans can claim only ruins—or less—for their ancestral homes. I'm disappointed that Fordell Castle will not be added to our travel plans to Scotland next summer, but I'm very proud that Rex and many other Hendersons made the effort they did.

Kevin Henderson, Cookeville, Tennessee



# Two Nights at the Craigellachie Hotel Aberlour, Speyside, Banffshire

By Rex and Pat Maddox

It wasn't the first year we'd bought chances for the two IcelandAir tickets being raffled at the Virginia Highland Games in Alexandria and it wasn't the first time we didn't win first prize!

However, when the call came from the Raffle Committee, it was to notify us that we had won the second prize which was two nights at the Craigellachie Resort Hotel in Speyside. We hadn't really noticed there was a "second prize" so the call came as a very pleasant surprise—only—where was this Craigellachie Hotel in Speyside?

After looking at our maps of Scotland, we located it about equidistant to Inverness and Aberdeen, sitting in the village of Aberlour on the River Spey. Checking the web, we found it to be a resort hotel with many amenities which included a kitchen headed by a Michelin Chef!

To be quite frank, it didn't take much discussion to decide we wanted to take advantage of the prize and also the reduced rate air fares available through IcelandAir (our favorite airline for overseas travel to Europe) in travelling to Glasgow.

There are some places we have yet to visit in Scotland and this trip offered the opportunity to include some of them in an itinerary, so we set our sights on a ten day trip with the visit to the Hotel at Craigellachie in the middle,

As long as we were to be that close to Aberdeen we felt a visit with our old friends, the McNally's (James is a retired Senior Inspector of Her Majesty's Custom and Excise and Maggie is the current director of the UK Air Flight Attendant school in Aberdeen) would be in order and contacted them to determine their availability during October.

With their concurrence and after contacting the hotel, we set the dates

for our trip, departing from the Baltimore Washington International airport on the 18th and returning there on the 28th of the month.

We booked a car through Hertz, picked it up at Glasgow airport, and headed north along the Western side of Loch Lomond.

Our stop for the first night was at the Ewich Farm B&B, just a few hours out of Glasgow. We found this country inn quite by accident from its sign sitting alongside the A82 at the entrance to a short drive which accessed the property,

We were pleasantly surprised with the facilities (large room with twin beds, very large shower/bath, TV, coffee maker, etc.) and the price for this en-suite room was £55. We made arrangements with the management (a retired British Army Warrant Officer and his wife) to take dinner with the other couple that were staying there and settled in for a short afternoon nap.

Upon wakening, we joined the others in the lounge where we were offered a sherry by our hosts and given a short version of their story in acquiring the property. As it turned out, this B&B was listed in the premier Country Inn and B&B guide, the "Which" guide, and is one of twenty that are awarded a Rosette for the outstanding Inns and B&Bs in the UK (only three Rosettes are presented to Scottish facilities).

Our dinner was not only superbly presented but excellent in taste—pork tenderloin in a light marinade and several vegetables (not overcooked as is popular in this country) with two potato presentations. Desert and coffee were taken at the table (rather than in the lounge) and we were presented with a beautiful Mandarin Orange and Grand Marnier Gateau with tons of whipped cream.

After a good night's rest, we awakened to the smell of bacon cooking and joined several couples for breakfast who had come in during the night (walkers over the Highland trails). It was a true country breakfast with porridge and home baked breads plus all the usual; eggs, sausage, bacon, haggis, herring, beans, the list just went on and on,

We departed the Ewich Farm B&B at about 9:30 a.m. and drove north toward Glencoe where we stopped to admire the work that cousin Joe Henderson had accomplished on the Henderson Stone and drove further to Fort William where we visited some woolen mills.

We were in Inverness shortly after 2 p.m. and found our way, assisted by a very kind parking attendant, to the Tourist Office. Here we made arrangements for a B&B where we would spend two nights in order to tour the North of Scotland.

Little did we realize that our selection (a private home on the canal leading from Muirtown to Loch Ness and named Sealladh Sona) was one of the other two Scottish Rosette winners in the "Which" guide. We were pleasantly surprised at that revelation and very pleased with the accommodation which we found quite reasonable at £50 per night.

We used this lovely B&B to facilitate our touring of the North of Scotland, going to Thurso and stopping along the way to visit the local museum at Helmsdale. Although we intended to visit the Clan Gunn Centre, we found it had closed for the season only a short time prior to our trip and consequently that part of the coast was bypassed and we made our way over the dales to Thurso.

Much of the rest of our journey west from Thurso to Tongue and down across the Highlands to Lairg was on single track road—not much



trouble, though, as we met very few vehicles and our biggest competitor for the blacktop was the sheep which were everywhere. From Lairg, we proceeded to Alness and Dingwall and thence to Beaulieu where we stopped at the Old Priory Hotel for dinner before returning to our Inverness B&B.

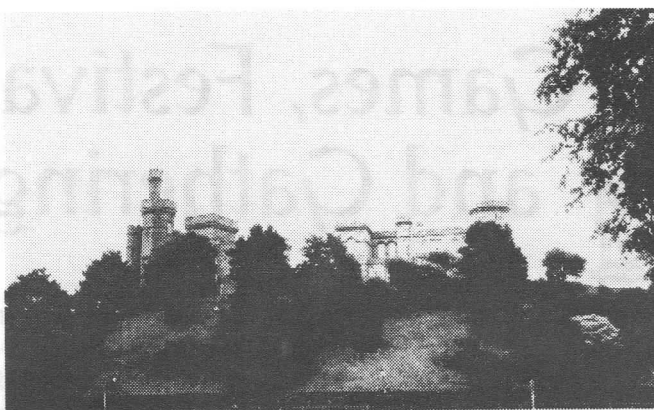
Marjorie Cook, along with husband Peter (a retired automotive engineer) was the Proprietress of the Sealladh Sons who provided us with truly fabulous breakfasts! Her delights were the homemade breads and "old fashioned" oatmeal, both prepared starting the day before they were served. Husband, Peter, served as our waiter and appeared each morning in trew of his family's tartans—that, his handlebar mustache, and light hearted banter made our mornings quite bright.

Departing Inverness, we were guided to Fort George which sits on a promontory called Chanonry Point and which sits on the east side of the Moray Firth. This fort, built in 1746 to ensure there would be no more uprisings in the North of Scotland, has been an active military post since that time. It has housed the Scottish Highland Regiments and has been used as a recruitment and training station for these British Army units. The fort was quite interesting to visit and we found the quarters for enlisted and officer personnel to be of special interest because of the contrast with the facilities provided today.

This was Friday the 22nd, and our first day at the "prize" of our trip, the Craigellachie Hotel. We arrived at the entrance at about 3 p.m., having driven through the countryside and being challenged for use of the road by cows, pigs and pheasant. The latter were especially plentiful in the areas we traveled and we were constantly coming across signs reminding us of the young pheasant we would find throughout the area.

At our hotel arrival, we were met by a staff person named Mark Alexander who helped us with our luggage and introduced us to Mrs. Carol Brown, the concierge.

We were expected! That always



Inverness Castle

makes it so nice—when people call you by name and are expecting your presence. We were pleasantly surprised.

We were taken to our suite—large—corner, overlooking the Spey—beautifully appointed with king bed—large bathroom with tub/shower—dressing area with robes—slippers—made you feel right at home! Even a bottle of Champagne and one of Port—very nice labels, too. We were asked to advise the desk as to our desired dinner time and to plan on taking a "wee dram" of single malt, in the bar, prior to making our dinner selections.

We set seven for dinner and made our way around the village for an hour or so then returned to the hotel for a little rest before presenting ourselves in the lounge and making dinner selections. (The dinner both evenings were included in the "prize" and we found the kitchen staff to be superb in their presentation of the selected food and its preparation—but then, it was a Michelin listed kitchen!)

We couldn't have been more impressed—the service—the food—the ambience—the locale—it was truly grand! A prize worthy of royalty and that's how we were treated—we had not known what to expect but would be able to carry home some fantastic impressions of our stay on the Spey at the Craigellachie Hotel.

As to our two-day stay in the Caledonian Thistle Hotel in Aberdeen and the visit with James and Maggie McNally—well, we'll leave that for another day. . .

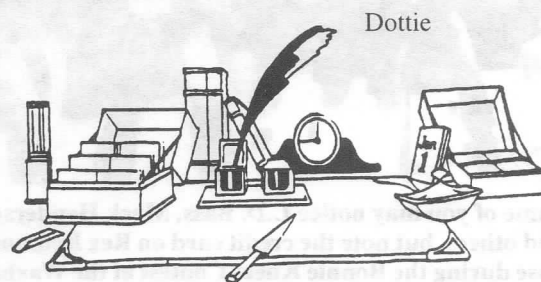
And there's also a working sheep and Angora goat farm B&B near Denny that we'll have to tell you about as well.

## From the Secretary's Desk

If you have ever seen the play or movie *Brigadoon*, you know that it is a magical place in Scotland where dreams can come true, if only for a single day. From mid-January to mid-April, my husband, Lee and I will be sailing our catamaran *Brigadoon II* in the Bahamas in pursuit of our retirement dream. The time is here and now while we have the ability to do it. While sailing, we proudly fly the U.S. Stars and Stripes and we also hoist the Scottish St. Andrews Cross on the stanchions. We have yielded many a cheer of "Go Scotland" while doing this. The point in telling this is not to make our northern cousins jealous of us as we loll in the sunshine, but to inform everyone that I will not be available for communications during that time.

Things should go undisrupted during my absence. The renewal cards are labeled and will be sent out at the designated times. Our treasurer, Christi will keep the database current and will send the mailing label list to Mark Henderson, our printer, for the sending of *An Canach*. Because the winter months are a more quiet time for activities, the number of new memberships coming in should be minimal. If you have any questions about your membership, Horace Loftin or Christi Heston should be able to assist you.

Thank you to all that have sent in their change of addresses. Don't forget the nine-digit zip code. Be sure to let us know if you ever miss an issue of *An Canach*. If your dues are current, you should be receiving it. Remember that your member number is the best identification to check your information in the database, so please include it on your notes and checks.





# Games, Festivals, and Gatherings



## Report For Western Canada

by Andrew McMillan  
Commissioner

**B**arring the end of the world due to a computer glitch—Y2K, Clan Henderson in Western Canada plans to attend and have a tent at the following Highland Games in 2000:

Fort McMurray Highland Games  
Fort McMurray, AB. 17 June 2000.

Penticton Highland Games  
Penticton, BC. July, 2000.

Calgary Highland Games  
Calgary, AB. 2 September, 2000.

Canmore Highland Games  
Canmore, AB. 3 September, 2000.

Contact for the above mentioned Games is either Andrew McMillan, (403) 686-6909

Margo Moffat (Ft. McMurray), (780) 743-2404

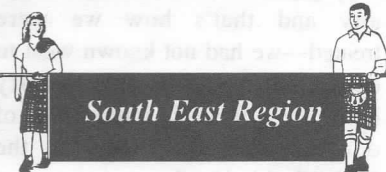


Some of you may notice L.D. Bass, Mack Henderson, and others, but note the credit card on Rex Redmon's hose during the Bonnie Knees Contest at the Waxhaw Games.

Western Canada is the largest geographical region in the Clan Henderson Society at this time. Included in this Region are the following Provinces & Territories:

1. British Columbia ( BC )
2. Alberta ( AB )
3. Saskatchewan ( SK )
4. Manitoba ( MB )
5. Yukon ( YT )
6. Northwest Territories ( NT )
7. Nunavut ( NT )

We have twelve active and seven inactive members. In the past I have sent a direct mail letter to all of the members active or not, from which I received no replies. I find the Highland Games to be the most effective manner of attracting new members. I do not know what the best manner of keeping members. One, two or three people can only do so much in one entire Region. At present I am doing the best that I can to attract new members. My goal is to find a few members new or old that want to convene a Highland Game or two to attract more members. Once I have convenors to help, this Region should begin to grow. In 2000, I may consider publishing a small Regional Newsletter to promote interest and get more interaction with the Regional membership. Call or write—let's talk.



## Waxhaw Highland Games and Gathering of the Scottish Clans

by Rex Redmon

**A**s the year comes to an end, so do the gatherings of The Scottish Clans in North Carolina. The

19th Waxhaw (the small town of nearby Waxhaw is named after a local Indian tribe) Highland Games are held each year on the last Saturday of October.

Early October mornings in the piedmont of North Carolina are generally a little chilly and typically a little frost was thawing from the pumpkins as we arrived at the Briarwood Horse Farm early Saturday morning. Despite the "nip-in-the-air" and with a "wee-nip under-our-belts," Harry Keifer, George Henderson, Danny Henderson, Mac Henderson and myself were on hand to greet the days festivities, guests and fellow Clansmen/women. And the Celtic Gods did indeed bless us with a beautiful day.

The Waxhaw Games, generally a small gathering of Scottish Clans, were well attended this year with forty Clans well represented. As a result of the "Beautiful Carolina Blue Sky" a record crowd attended the games.

One of the highlights was the raffle of an Arabian filly. Everyone wanted a chance to win the prancing young horse; however, everyone made the same general comment, "I don't know what I would do with her if I won her." Yet, some lucky person—not a Henderson—did win her at days-end.

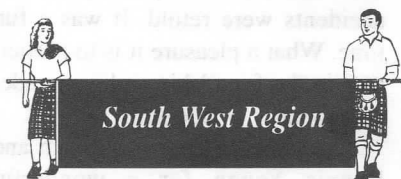
Despite the small nature of the Waxhaw Games, there is something for everyone. In addition to the traditional heavy athletics, there was a multitude of games for the children, throwing contest for the women, and a Bonnie Knees contest for the men (which is judged by the ladies no less and after competing for ten years, yours truly finally won a ribbon—third place for "the boniest knees").

During the Parade of Tartans—where we generally win a trophy for either small or large clan in kilts—seven fully kilted Hendersons

passed and reviewed in splendor. Yet our numbers this year were either "too few" or "too many" to take home any gold.

Although we failed to sign-up new members, visitors came and went all day. A delicious lunch of "southern fried chicken and all the fixings" was catered by Mac Henderson who ate more than his share. He could not wrap his kilt to fit his girth for the Sunday Kirking held at Hopewell Presbyterian Church the following morning where Clan Henderson was represented by Mac and his family, Harry Keifer and myself.

So from North Carolina, home of The Loch Norman Highland Games, The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, The Flora McDonald Highland Games and The Waxhaw Highland Games, have a healthy and restful winter. We look forward to seeing everyone in the spring at Loch Norman and remember...As the Millennium approaches, Our Creator is in control of the Universe—not man nor his predictions. Peace and Happy Holidays to all members of Clan Henderson and your family and friends from North Carolina.



## Report For South West Region by Bob Henderson Commissioner

Proposed Clan Henderson Gatherings for the year 2000 are listed below:

26-27 Feb. Arizona Gathering & Highland Games, Mesa AZ  
K. Wyatt (602)839-1585  
15 Jul Pikes Peak Highland Games & Celtic Festival, Colo.Spgs.CO  
J.H. McEldowney Jr.  
(303)690-2586

12-13 Aug Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Games, Heritage Park, Highlands Ranch, CO  
J.H.McEldowney Jr.  
(303)690-2586

9-10 Sep. Long's Peak Scottish Highland Festival and Games  
Stanley Field, Estes Park, CO  
Pam and Dennis Young  
(970)586-0961

23 Sep Celtic Festival and Highland Games, Mesa County Fairgrounds, Grand Junction, CO

Peggy Zanin Ramsey (e-mail: pzanin@gwe.net)

In December of 1998 we were advised of all the inactive members in the SouthWest Region. A letter was sent to them with some response. In September we were again advised of all who were still inactive. A second letter was sent to sixty-eight individuals. Those who had e-mail addresses received an e-mail message regarding their status.

As of 1 January 1999 all who were inactive were removed from the active regional membership list thus dropping our membership from 130 to 65 individual and/or families. Eleven of the inactive members responded to the first letter and were returned to active status. As of 5 December, the Southwest has ninety-seven active individuals/families. We have shown an increase of over 49% in our active membership since 1 January 1999 and we continue to grow.

Letters of welcome are sent to all new members as soon as the Regional Commissioner is made aware of them.

The convenors and deputy commissioner receive periodic print outs of the membership in the respective areas. A list of inactive members is maintained at all CO events. If the individual registers, he or she is encouraged to become active once again.



Rex Redmon, Pastor Jeff Lowrance, and Harry Keifer at the Kirkin' of the Tartan, Sunday after the Waxhaw Games.

## Musings of a Commissioner—Again by Bob Henderson Commissioner

A year or two ago I commented on my observations at the Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival at Estes Park, Colorado. This year in spite of the cold weather (35-40 °F) we had another great gathering.

Our tent was filled with Hendersons and we were joined by our "cousins" the Burts from the East coast (Delaware) on Saturday, Sunday and the party on Sunday night at the home of our convenors.

As we all realize, the future of our Society rests with our young. We had Hendersons as young as five months and up to age ten years of age in the tent. Of the fourteen new members for our region- four were in their twenties. Young Kyle Holder (age two), grandson of our convenors, dressed in his Henderson kilt and wearing a tam marched in the parade through Estes Park, Colorado. His engaging smile and waves to the spectators endeared him to all. The one and one-half mile march was a bit much for his little legs so proud father carried him for the last portion of the march. A news photogra-



Young Kyle Holder, grandson of our convenors, dressed in his Henderson kilt and wearing a tam marched in the parade through Estes Park, Colorado.

## Celebrating tartan with tourism

Scottish Irish Festival visited by thousands  
The festival was a success, with thousands of visitors attending the event. The festival was held in the heart of the city, and was a great success. The festival was held in the heart of the city, and was a great success. The festival was held in the heart of the city, and was a great success.





## The Commissioners Award

by Bob Henderson  
Commissioner

This award is given by the Regional Commissioner to those individuals and organizations that have distinguished themselves by outstanding and dedicated service to Clan Henderson.

In past years recognition has been given to Linda McEldowney, Colleen McNally, John Bergquist and to the El Jebel Shrine Pipes and Drums.

This year we recognized Bill and Maggie McDonald, Co-Chairmen of the Festival Clans Committee. Over the years they have demonstrated their dedication to the needs of the clans and have been special friends of the Hendersons. Their dedication and hard work have contributed greatly to the smoothness of the clan preparations and to the success of the Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival. Time and time again they have made extra efforts on the behalf of Clan Henderson and have lessened our concerns regarding our field arrangements.

Our Regional Piper, John Bergquist, arranged for the El Jebel Pipes and Drums to lead the Henderson Walk-About down Clan Row. This year they halted in front of the Clans Committee Tent. Maggie McDonald was absent on clan business. Bill was escorted to the center of the circle formed by the El Jebel Pipes and Drums. The unit performed "Scotland The Brave" and Buzz McEldowney read the citation and presented the award.

Because Maggie McDonald was not present for the presentation on Saturday, the El Jebel unit marched up to the Clans Committee Tent on Sunday afternoon. Bill and Maggie were escorted into the unit circle for a rendition of "Amazing Grace" and "Will Ye Nae Come Back Again"

Both Bill and Maggie were surprised and honored by the award. We later learned that in all their years of service, Clan Henderson was the only Clan to officially recognize their efforts.



## Musings from page 13

pher from the Denver Post snapped their picture, which appeared in the Sunday morning issue of the paper. It was proudly displayed on the tent display table.

A professional photographer stopped by and exclaimed over the picture. She gave a five-minute talk on its perfect subject matter, composition, etc. etc. Of course we were all in agreement.

The children of our deputy commissioner and of our convenors are all in their twenties and are participating in tent activities. They are in our marching contingent and also march in the opening and closing ceremonies and in the Kirking of the Tartans.

As commissioner I had little to do but sit back and watch it all happen. The friendship between cousins and within the family groups was heartwarming. Passersby slowed and smiled as they observed the love and laughter that was so evident.

Once again, as commissioner, I remembered the early days when we were the "new kids on the block" and a 10' by 10' tent was more than adequate. Today we have a 20' by 20' and I think about a 30' by 20' tent for next year. Back then I had dreams of having a larger turnout of cousins. Those dreams have come to pass.

Today Clan Henderson is one of the better known Clans at the Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival, thanks to the hard work of the McEldowneys, the Youngs, John Bergquist and his El Jebel Pipes & Drums, our walk-about, the COSCA table and our cousin Kevin Henderson's

prowess in winning all those Medals in the Scottish Athletic Competitions.

Sunday this commissioner was physically cold but warm inwardly. The love, warmth and friendship, so evident in our tent, made me a proud and happy man. Thanks be to God.

## The Henderson Party

Bob Henderson  
Commissioner

This year after the Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival closed twenty five Hendersons met at the lovely home of our convenors, Pam and Dennis Young, for a clan party.

Their home on a 2 1/2 acre lot has a million-dollar view across the sloping valley and up the majestic Rocky Mountains. There was plenty of food and beverages and of course a "wee dram or two" was available.

It was a wonderful opportunity for us to relax and unwind after the stress and turmoil of the Festival. It also gave us more time to visit with our cousin John Burt and his parents from Delaware. As we ate, the stories and humorous family incidents and accidents were retold. It was a fun time. What a pleasure it is to participate in the friendship and camaraderie of fellow Hendersons.

Our thanks to our hosts Pam and Dennis Young for a wonderful evening.



Bill and Donna Lee Butler help Jane and Celeste Henderson greet visitors to the Henderson tent at the Halifax Highland Games, Eastern Canada Region.





*Mid East Region*



*South East Region*



## Bonnie Brae Scottish Festival Liberty Corner New Jersey

by William E. Henderson  
Convenor

My first time convening a clan tent was great. The weather was great and William Kurzenberger and I welcomed a total of seven members and eight non-members at this first time gathering of the clan.

Five clan members marched in the opening ceremonies. Cousin Ed Brett played the drum with the Atlantic Watch Pipe Band and his daughter, Leslie, completed in the dance competition. [After all the years, they now have a Henderson tent to relax in.]

Twenty-five pipe bands competed and forty-five clans/societies were present. Attendance was about 4,500.



Drum Major of the day, James Stewart Murray Gray; charter member of the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee.

## Tallahassee Scottish Games by Doris Henderson Convenor

Sunny Hill Farm, on the north side of Tallahassee, was the locale of the second annual Tallahassee Scottish Games and Celtic Festival on 30 October. The setting was absolutely perfect—a warm day and a large open field for the clan tents, parade ground, and sheep herding.

Vendors clustered beneath large oak trees next to the games pasture while reenactors camped next to a small pond featuring noisy Canada geese.

Continuous music was provided by Barley Thar, Hadrian's Wall, the Windbreakers from Canada, and John and Patti McIlroy.

The Clan Henderson tent was manned by this author, Lee Henderson, Patty and Charlie Cheshire, and St. Andrew Society fellow and "Henderson for a day," Roberta Rhodes. Fellow clansman, Nick Baldwin, was the official games photographer and provided the photographs accompanying this article. We greeted eight other clan members, enrolled two new cousins, and had interest in joining expressed by five other folks.

It was a pleasure to see fellow clansmen, Mel and Beth Gay from Moultrie, GA, take time from her busy schedule at the Odom Library to stop by. What a delight to have L.D. Bass and Wife Nancy from Charlotte, NC stop and visit with us as well.

The Tallahassee games fit in with visiting family in town and how wonderful that they brought their kilts. This correspondent looks forward to many more interesting articles in the An Canach by L.D.



Hendersons on the march at the Tallahassee Games



Countless other people stopped by to say "hello" and sample homemade Scottish oat cakes.

The Iceland Air two round trip-tickets-to-Glasgow raffle was won by this author so two more Hendersons will be visiting the Highlands soon. [Ed. note: And writing a story about the trip we hope.]



The Henderson tent at the Tallahassee Scottish Games..





# Tales of Scotland's Dark Side

by Xavier Allen

*Afro-Scots! Afro-Celts! Black Scots!  
Call them what you want, but they exist.*

The earliest existence of Celts of African origins dates to the Roman Empire's expansion to Northern England. Rome's auxiliary forces, not their legions, were the reason for the great expansions of that empire. They were comprised of natives of other lands, but once they swore allegiance to Rome, they became citizens. Many came from North Africa. Wherever Romans conquered, the women of those lands bore many children. Legionnaires fathered many children; so did their auxiliaries.

When Spain was a world power, its navy recruited Africans in the 1580s as labourers, sailors, and servants. The Spanish Armada tried to escape the English by sailing around Scotland and Ireland. The galleons were destroyed by the seas, and the crews, Spanish and African, were washed ashore. One could only assume that the "highland attitude" was, "Well, you're not English. We won't help you get home. Gaelic is the language here, and welcome to the clan." As time progressed, many became men-at-arms, hunters, and foragers.

At the turn of the century, England's main conflicts were their own civil war and the Thirty Years War. MacKays' Highlanders, mercenaries to the army of Gustaphus Adolphus of Sweden, can document an African musician. The Cavaliers and Roundheads had Africans as tenants, due to England's slave trade investments.

There is a large unrecorded period between 1650 and the 1740s, but the presence of that servant boy to James Graham of Montrose in the movie "Rob Roy" shows someone in Hollywood did his homework. Then at Culloden, their presence wasn't recorded, but as proof of presence, the English recorded "Jacobite Colin MacNaughton, along with his black servant, was gaoled in the Tower."

A French naval officer seized a British prison ship in 1746 that was bound for Jamaica, and he recorded Scottish prisoners noting some were "big and dark in colour." One ship that landed in Jamaica afterward had an African on board who called herself Elizabeth MacFarlane. Ninety percent of the Caribbean population has Scottish surnames, but not from slavery because most Scottish exiles didn't have plantations.

During the Seven Years War and the 1760s, Scottish regiments were stationed in the Caribbean and in the American colonies.

Lord John Murray, the Earl of Dunmore, issued his own "Emancipation Proclamation," and stated that if any African wanted freedom, enlist in His Majesty's services immediately. Fifty thousand escaped slaves joined the Crown in all capacities. What Lord Dunmore didn't realize was that he pioneered the "greatest slave escape in

American history," decades before The Underground Railroad occurred.

The 42nd Royal Highland Regiment's brass band was comprised of Africans. They arrived in New York from Scotland. At war's end, the escaped slaves started new lives in Canada, Africa, England, and The Caribbean.

An earthquake in Jamaica destroyed many records, but the 84th Royal Highland Emigrants, based there as well as in Antigua, needed indigenous people for duties.

The British Empire was at its most prejudiced during Queen Victoria's reign. Her Majesty didn't realize that many Scottish diplomats and soldiers were able to prevent further bloodshed in Africa, better than her English aides were. In Ghana, George MacLear established the Board of 1844 that saved lives of Ashontis and Highlanders. He established a judicial system in which Ashantis could assist in prosecuting European criminals.

The Pedi tribe wears kilts for ceremonial purposes, for in 1879, they thought the Scottish soldiers were women and didn't shoot until it was too late.

Today, observe Nova Scotia's black population; observe St. Vincent's black redheads; observe the Pipes and Drums of Bermuda; observe President Jeffrey Rawlings, the only African president with a European parent, a Scottish woman.

Ed Note: Contact Clansman Xavier Allen, P.O. Box 3110, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 for reference and discussion.

Xavier Allen enjoys re-enacting the past. He has served as a musician for the Essex-Kent Scottish Regiment of Canada for the past three years.

## *The Highland Fling* September 1999

### **Member Happenings**

Xavier Allen, Larry Blackett, Ron Casto, Dan and Kerry Ellis and Scott Owens participated in a battle reenactment of the Siege of Fortress Louisbourg in Nova Scotia. Whoever controlled Fortress Louisbourg controlled the "Gateway to North America."

Xavier Allen and Scott Owens are scheduled to meet H. R. H. Prince Andrew of England as he receives Colonelcy of The Queen's Rangers Armoured Regiment of Canada. As honorary members of the regiment, they are invited as reenactors of the regiment's highland company for H. R. H.'s historical honour guard.

Xavier Allen, Gloria Holzerland and Scott Owens are participating in The Black Watch of Canada's regimental reunion as performers. This event will feature the World War I veterans of the regiment.



# A Wedding with a Scottish Theme

by Dottie Henderson

Taking pride in our Scottish ancestry has passed on to the next generation. Our daughter, Laura decided she would like to incorporate some of that Scottish heritage into her wedding. Plans began with a search on the internet. We were unable to obtain some of the books we found listed there, but we garnered several other ideas. After much discussion between us via phone and e-mail, Laura began the planning.

She asked to use my wedding gown, and perceiving that I would never use it again, I gladly turned it over to her. It would also fit the category for the "something old" tradition. She altered the gown to meet the ideas of what she wanted the gown to look like, keeping in mind how it would work with her Henderson tartan sash.

We traveled to Annapolis prior to the wedding, glad to know that Tropical Storm Floyd had bypassed Florida. The Thursday before the wedding, Floyd moved northeast and came up the Chesapeake Bay. This caused some serious moments of panic for the bride and her mother as the storm immobilized the area with loss of power and flooding. We had sewing and pressing to do! Not to mention the numerous errands to run the day or two before the wedding and the planned pre-wedding photos to be taken in the yard. But fortune smiled on us and by noon-time on Friday the storm had passed, electricity was restored and flooded roads were passable. There was no electricity in the church at the Friday evening rehearsal, but Saturday dawned with the promise of sunshine all day and the panic subsided.

As the guests were arriving, the pianist-organist played a selection of Celtic music. All of the Henderson women wore their sashes and our son, David wore his tartan tie. Rory Downey, Jr, our grandson, was one

of the groomsmen. The groomsmen all wore heather boutonnieres, but nary a kilt among them. David Sherman, the groom is a Sasannach and we couldn't get him into a kilt. The best we could do was a heather boutonniere—we are still trying to find his Scottish connection. The bridesmaids carried bouquets with heather and the ring bearer, Joey Hartman, who is Laura's son and our grandson, wore a Henderson sash as a cummerbund.

Laura's sister, Beth Henderson Downey was the matron of honor and preceded her down the aisle carrying heather and wearing her Henderson sash. After Beth reached the altar, the organ began the traditional wedding march preparing for the bride's walk down the aisle—then suddenly the music stopped after the first few bars. The seated guests looked bewildered and then the sound of the bagpipes filled the air as the piper began playing as he led the bride up to the altar. We had secluded the piper when he arrived and only a select few knew he was going to be there. There were many astonished looks among the guests as he came down the aisle. Lee escorted Laura, attired in his dress kilt and looking quite proud. Laura looked beautiful carrying her bouquet of heather and with her tartan sash flowing down her back. The ceremony was very special and afterward there was a relaxed bride and a happily grinning bridegroom. Our piper played as the couple came down the aisle and out of the church and, after all the congratulations were finished, we proceeded to the reception.

The guests were all complimentary about the piper, the tartan and our other touches. We were, as always, proud of our Scottish heritage. Keeping that is part of why we all belong to Clan Henderson. The Scottish theme we integrated into the

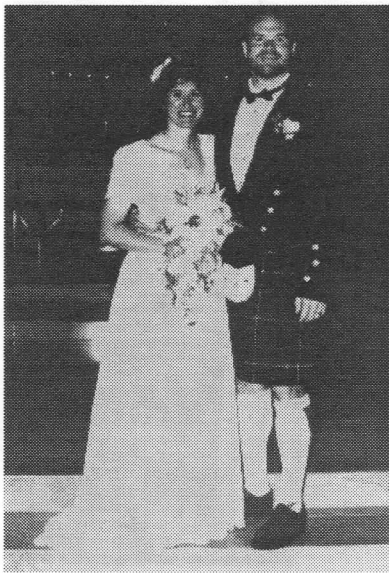
wedding was a way we could keep the traditions in our family. In the future we will be reminded of these things when we reminisce while looking at the photo album, savoring the moment.

If you are interested in a Scottish inspired wedding, here are some ideas that may be of help to you in planning. We incorporated as many things as we could with limited planning time. Our local library didn't have the information we needed to learn about Scottish weddings. We found the information we wanted by searching the Internet for "Scottish Weddings." There are websites for books on Scottish traditions, including weddings. One site we used was [www.weddingcircle.com/ethnic/scot/](http://www.weddingcircle.com/ethnic/scot/) and another good one is Craig Cockburn's Traditional Scottish weddings at [www.smo.uhi.ac.uk/](http://www.smo.uhi.ac.uk/) There are several others if you do a search. We also found our piper through the Internet. I had tried to contact pipers from sources that were given to me, but they were either not available or the distance was too far. The piper we found was great. He is public school teacher and also teaches the bagpipes. He was only about thirty minutes from our area. That website is [www.bagpipers.com](http://www.bagpipers.com). You can then select U.S. and the state you are interested in. There are many resources including ceremonies in Gaelic.



**Laura Henderson Hartman exchanging vows with David Sherman.**





**Mr. and Mrs. Michael Morgan**

# Baltas-Morgan Wedding

by Becky and Michael Morgan

I'm pleased to share news of my recent marriage with my Henderson family—especially since I believe some Hendersons had a hand in it all coming about!

I met my husband, Michael Morgan, at the

1999 Orlando Highland Games on 16 January. I was there competing with McGuire's Pipe Band. Michael, who lives in Orlando, was attending his first games as a spectator. His experience was much like mine eight years ago when I attended my first games. We both were interested in Scottish culture (Michael has both Scots & Irish background). We both didn't really want to go by ourselves, but felt this 'nudge' to just go. And we both were interested in learning about bagpipes.

We met following the opening ceremonies. As most of you know, all the pipe bands march onto the field. We spent quite a bit of time waiting around to start the ceremony! McGuire's was to be one of the first bands on the field. So there we were...waiting and waiting...and I really needed to use the facilities! I knew we had plenty of time, so I gave my pipes to a friend and walked over toward the restrooms.

On the way there, however, I noticed a couple standing near the grandstand and the gentleman was wearing one of those Henderson flannel shirts from Land's End. Now for those of you who don't know me - I can be quite shy and it's really not my nature to just go up to someone and start talking. But I felt that 'nudge' again so I stopped and said... "You're a Henderson, right?"...and that started the conversation! I was thinking I either needed to get to the restroom or get back to the band be-

fore the opening ceremonies began, but I was really enjoying the conversation with these Henderson cousins!

Finally, I did notice the bands were moving, so I said goodbye and sprinted back to the bands...only to find that they were just moving up a bit, not starting! So....more waiting! Now the situation was starting to get a bit more desperate and I really needed to find that restroom! : ) This time, I didn't leave my pipes, because I wasn't sure I'd make it back...so on the way to the restroom, I asked those nice Hendersons to hold my pipes for me. Sure enough, when I came out, there was my band going by! I collected my pipes and ran to where the rest of the bands were waiting. There was an opening in the last row of the last band! So...instead of being in the front, I was in the back.

When the opening ceremonies were finished I looked around to see if any of my band members were still around, but they had all left. That's when I noticed a very handsome young man heading my way. He asked me about what was involved in learning to play the pipes. As we talked, we found out that we were the same age, that he and I were both from the Chicago suburbs (we actually grew up about 20 miles from each other), and we were both voice majors in college!

That conversation led to another later that afternoon, and then to a date for brunch the next day, which ended up being 8 hours of us talking together! Both of us knew after that weekend that this was the person we'd been waiting for! We were engaged by April and married on 30 October 1999 at Christ Episcopal Church in Pensacola Florida.

We truly believe God led us toward each other and God used some special people to help us along that path....including this Henderson couple! If they had not been there, I would have been where I was sup-

posed to be—with my band at the front of the opening ceremonies. Michael told me later one of the reasons he noticed me was that my kilt didn't match the others around me!

Since our Scottish interest had brought us together, we wanted that to be a part of our wedding. Highland Heritage provided a beautiful Modern Douglas kilt for Michael to rent and I bought matching tartan ribbon to use in all the flowers and decorations. The ceremony was filled with the music that's so important to both of us. A group from my church choir, with whom I've sung for sixteen years, sang two anthems and three members of my pipe band did the processions. For the groom and bridal party, they played a very stirring traditional Scottish air, "Chatchill MacCrimman." Then for my procession, one piper joined with the pipe organ to play a beautiful Enya piece called "Smaointe." If anyone can tell me what those names translate as, I'd appreciate it! : ) Later, the pipe band piped us into the reception and we had a highland dancer do the sword dance!

Less than a month before we married, I was offered the position of Director of Radio Programming at WMFE-FM, the public radio station in Orlando. So I'm now living in a new town, with my new husband and looking forward to continuing my piping with a new band here...and hopefully getting Michael started on the pipes.

I really would like to find out who this mystery couple was that helped bring us together! I believe they live in the Orlando area. If you're reading this, and remember our conversation of last January, please give us a call: (407) 971-7176!

We look forward to seeing our Henderson cousins at the next Orlando Highland Games and other Scottish events in the future.

## COSCA to Sponsor Scottish Workshops in July

**T**he Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Inc. (COSCA) will again present a fourth series of workshops covering a variety of Scottish interests. The workshops will be held on Friday, 7 July 2000, beginning at 1:00 pm, at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina. This is also the weekend of the 45th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games at nearby Grandfather Mountain and Linville, NC.

Each workshop lasts an hour and a half with comfort breaks during and between each session.

The workshops offered in the first session (1:00 p.m.)-

- A Musical Tour of Scottish History (Flora MacDonald Gammon, musician and historian);
- The Kilt: As Colorful As Its History (Matthew Newsome, Curator, Scottish Tartans Museum);
- Celts and Vikings: The First Scotsmen? (Dr. W.R. McLeod, Associate Professor of History, West Virginia University, and owner of The Unicorn, LTD); Introduction, and
- Beginning Gaelic (Dr. Jamie MacDonald, Old Dominion University site director, Wytheville Community College, Gaelic speaker and entertainer).

The workshops offered in the 2nd session (2:45 p.m.)-

- Exploring Family and District Tartans (Marjorie Warren, tartan designer, Scottish Tartans Society and the International Association for Tartan Studies);
- Bannocks To Haggis: 18th Century Scottish Food & Fads (Karen Becker, Presenter, American Frontier Museums, Staunton, VA);
- Scottish Genealogy: How, Where, What to Search (Carolyn L. Barkley, Genalogist, Clan Barclay);
- Beginning Gaelic Continued [pre-requisite-1st session] (Dr. Jamie MacDonald).

Total cost for both sessions is \$20. Checks should be payable to COSCA WORKSHOP, and registration deadline is 20 June 2000.

For registration or additional information, write; COSCA Workshop, 3220 Frederick Place, Charlotte, NC 28210.



# Ceolman Gaidheal

The Music of the Gael

by Joan McWilliams Weiss

The turn of the century — the year 2000 — turns our thoughts both to the past and the future. One hundred years ago Clans scattered across the world were struggling to rebuild their lives in new lands. Thousands had died from shipwreck as well as disease in the surge of emigration during the 1800s. The Highlands had been devastated by the Clearances, famine and poverty.

Now as this century turns, it is a new day for the Clans everywhere. As never before we have the opportunity to celebrate our cultural heritage — among the richest in the world! Scotland's poetry and music encompasses everything from the mighty Border Ballads to the humanity and great talent of Robert Burns and the haunting music of the Gaels. I have loved all of these! But it is the Gaelic music, in the endangered Celtic language of Scotland, that calls for a special effort, that we may pass it on to future generations.

It wasn't until 1891, just before the turn of the last century, that An Comunn Gaidhealach (The Highland Association) was established in Oban, on Scotland's

west coast. Among its educational efforts to restore the Gaelic language, An Comunn founded Scotland's National Mod, which has become one of Europe's major cultural festivals. In addition to competitions in Gaelic poetry and song (for youth and adults, solo singing and groups) it features drama, clarsach (Celtic harp) other instruments and a variety of concerts and ceilidhs.

It wasn't till 1988, nearly a hundred years after Scotland, that the Gaelic Mod was established in the U.S.A. to help preserve and promote Highland culture here and worldwide. The music of the Gaels tells of everyday life in work songs, love songs and lullabies, and songs of religious devotion. The words can be funny or flirtatious in mouth music for dancing. Gaelic poetry reveals the human story in the laments of war, the Clearances, the sad partings and longing to return to the beauty of the mountains and streams, the islands and lochs.

Gaelic verse and song is an essential part of Scotland's history. Now a new day is dawning — a Celtic renaissance — and we can reclaim our heritage!

## Useful Henderson Research Tools Available Through The Clan

We have produced (and have others in the works) a series of booklets which contain ALL the Hendersons in 1850, 1860 and/or 1870 Censuses for states of special importance in tracking down those "hidden Hendersons." 1850 is, of course, the first census year in which all family members are listed. The booklets present, county by county, all Hendersons in residence, their birth years, state born in, and occasional notes on individuals and families. All names are indexed and cross-referenced to the county entries.

They also include the identification numbers used by R. H. (Bob) Henderson of Greer, South Carolina, and also those of the Clan Henderson data base for all individuals in our records. You are invited to contact either Bob or myself for genealogies of Hendersons so identified.

I use these constantly in my work as Clan Genealogist, and I believe you will find them excellent research tools.

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We have under way Pennsylvania 1850, Alabama 1860, and more. Maybe you would like to work on this project by doing other states or years—please contact Horace Loftin.

We also have an outstanding booklet prepared by Clansman B. B. Shuffler, with simple but detailed information on sources for doing Henderson research emphasis on where to go and what to look for in Scottish records: *Search for Scots*, 32pp, \$10.00

To order, specify the booklets you want and send check made out to "Clan Henderson Society," to Horace Loftin, 218 Greenwood Drive, Panama City FL 32407; phone: (850) 235-2984. Prices listed above include postage.

# Paul's Coming Events 1999-2000



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## Publishing Events in An Canach

Dear Commissioners, Officials and Members of Clan Henderson,

As you know by now, I am that unrelentless person pursuing you for information concerning upcoming events in your regions. I really do need the information in order to consolidate it and forward it to the Editor for the next quarterly issue. This information should reach me by 29 November, 26 February, 28 May, and 29 August of each year. I will continue to send out reminders to you each quarter, but would appreciate it very much if you would have the information ready to send by the above dates. It is also very important that you give me the name of the Convenor for each event, including his/her phone number. If you do not have a Convenor for an event, at least give me a phone number and/or email address of someone who may be contacted for information about the event. This would be helpful for those who would like to attend the event and need more information. If there are no events scheduled in your region for a certain period of time, please send me a negative report, so I will know.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. Aye, Paul G. Henderson



### JANUARY 2000

- 15 St Andrews Society of Sacramento  
Raddison Hotel, 500 Leisure Way  
Sacramento, CA  
James Richey(916)489-0751
- 22 St Andrews Burns Dinner  
Minneapolis, MN
- 22 Robert Burns Night  
Tacoma Scots, Tacoma, WA  
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- 29 Robert Burns Dinner  
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1616 30th Street, Bakersfield, CA  
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- 29 Burns Night Dinner  
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St Paul, MN

### FEBRUARY 2000

- 12 - 13 Scottish Ramble  
Landmark Center  
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- 19 Queen of the Heather Dance  
Ft Lewis Officers' Club  
Tacoma, WA  
(253)939-8413
- 19 - 20 7th Annual Scottish Festival  
Queen Mary Seaport  
Long Beach, CA  
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- 26 - 27 Clan Henderson Gathering  
Arizona Gathering & Highland Games  
Mesa, AZ  
K. Wyatt(602)839-1586

### MARCH 2000

- 25 St Andrews Mid-Willamette Festival  
Salem, OR  
Scott Henderson(503)981-5447
- 25 - 26 Scottish Games  
Midwest City, OK  
Ken Thiry(405)787-3364

### APRIL 2000

- 1 Pozo Saloon Whiskey Games  
Pozo Saloon, Pozo, CA  
(209)537-1082
- 6 Tartan Day Dinner  
Halifax, NS  
Cairns Henderson(902)429-1114  
Call in March for Details
- 8 Family Gathering of Scottish Clans  
Ardenwood Regional Park, Fremont, CA  
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- 8 Kern Co Gathering & Games  
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- 8 Tartan Day  
Freedom Plaza 14th St. & Pennsylvania Ave  
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- 15 Celtic Festival  
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- 22 Omaha Celtic Festival  
Omaha, NE
- 22 Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland  
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- 28 - 30 Sacramento Valley Scottish Games  
Yolo County Fairgrounds  
Woodland, CA  
Angie Rodden(916)557-0764

### MAY 2000

- 5 - 7 Scots-Irish Heritage Weekend  
Elizabethtown, PA  
John B. Henderson(717)527-2356
- 6 Macalester Scottish County  
and Highland Games  
Macalester College  
St Paul, MN
- 6 Original Whiskey Highland Games  
Hilton Farm, 280 Phelan Way  
Arroyo Grande, CA  
(805)438-4047
- 15 - 16 Willets Celtic Renaissance Faire  
Recreation Grove Park  
Willets, CA  
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- 19 - 20 Edinboro Highland Games  
and Scottish Festival  
Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA  
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Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
Mariposa, CA
- 26 - 28 Alma Highland Festival & Games  
Alma, MI  
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- 27 - 28 United Scottish Society's  
Highland Games  
Orange County Fairgrounds  
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## Tartan Day 2000

Hosted by the  
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On 20 March 1998, the U.S. Senate passed Resolution 155 that recognized April 6 of each year as National Tartan Day. The date was chosen to commemorate the day in 1320 when Scotland asserted its independence in the Declaration of Arbroath—the model for the American Declaration of Independence.

National Tartan Day honors the countless contributions of the Scots to the history and development of the United States of America. Scottish-Americans have left their mark as pioneers and innovators in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government, politics, economics, architecture, literature, the media and the visual and performing arts.

For more information about how you and you clan, society, or business can get involved:

National Tartan Day 2000  
5883 North First St., Arlington VA 22203-1101  
(703) 524-1194

### Calendar of Events

#### Thursday, 6 April, 12:00 noon

National Tartan Day at the U.S. Capitol will honor Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS), sponsor of Senate Resolution 155 that created National Tartan Day. Honored guest will be the Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

#### Friday, 7 April, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Forum on Scottish Influence will include some of Scotland's and America's most noted academicians to discuss what Scotland has given to America and the world.

#### Friday, 7 April, 7:00 p.m.

National Tartan Day Reception will toast the individual Patrons, clan and corporate Sponsors, and political and cultural leaders that make National Tartan Day possible!

#### Saturday, 8 April, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

National Tartan Day Festival will take over Freedom Plaza, on Pennsylvania Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets of downtown Washington D.C.! The Plaza will be alive with the sounds of the Pipes and Drums of the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington D.C. and other gifted Scottish-American performers, with Highland dancers, historical re-enactors, and clan and society tents and tables! The Food Court and Market Square will offer every variety of Scottish-American food and merchandise.

Schedule subject to change

Please note: The National Park Police will not allow any alcohol nor financial transactions on Freedom Plaza. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be available at the Festival Food Court on 13th street and to street-level spaces for clans and societies.



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## Nominating Committee Announced

President Horace ended his Roots and Twigs column with a request for for clan members to help with a project.

Now he has announced that Buzz McEldowney (SW Region), Steve Carter (SE Region), and Gary Henderson (NE Region) will serve as the Nominating Committee to develop a slate of officers for the clan election to be held at the 2000 AGM at the West Virginia Highland Games in August 2000.

Horace asks that you contact them or respond favorably to their call.



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# How is the Church (organized religion) like a helium filled balloon?

It rises before God and humankind bringing joy to many.  
(If you don't hold on to it, it leaves you behind.)

The church is the balloon.  
Spirituality is the helium.

Like the balloon & helium, church and spirituality give  
shape to each other and usefulness.

Like an empty balloon, the church without spirituality is  
flat and uninteresting.

Like helium released into the air, spirituality without the  
church (organized religion) may rise but no one knows or  
cares. It lifts nothing but itself, and quickly dissipates  
beyond recovery.

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